

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BIRCH HILLS SENIOR CENTRE

May 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve, Warren Smith, at 8:55 a.m., on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT	WARREN SMITH DENNIS SATHER GERALD MANZULENKO MARVIN DORAN DALE JANZEN AL FARKASH TODD JONES	REEVE DEPUTY-REEVE COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR
STAFF	IRENE COOPER DION HYNES MICHAEL COY DENISE JOUDREY	C.A.O. MANAGER OF PUBLIC WORKS DIR.OF FIELD OPERATIONS RECORDING SECRETARY
MEDIA	DANNY ZAHARA	THE SIGNAL

Danny Zahara, Signal Reporter entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 01-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenکو that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions;

6. New Business

- (K) Watino Railway Bridge
- (L) Ditch Problem on Twp 794
- (M) Written request from Doug & Pauline Purcha to access the Tangent Water Line.

(C) Treasury

- (3) Accounts receivable write off list

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (A) PREDA - Marvin Doran
- (B) Seed Cleaning Plant - Al Farkash
- (C) Grande Spirit Foundation - Todd Jones
- (D) Mock Disaster Training - Marvin Doran

CARRIED.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 02-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that the April 13, 2011, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

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UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

BRUSHING POLICY RESOLUTION NO. 03-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones to adopt the Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING
PROCEDURE POLICY

Council discussed the policy and suggested some changes and additions. Irene Cooper will make changes and bring the policy back to the next meeting for approval.

NEW
BUSINESS

PREDA MEMBSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 04-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that Birch Hills County Council renews their PREDA 2011-2012 Membership.

CARRIED.

VOLUNTEER AWARD RESOLUTION NO. 05-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen to accept Irene Cooper's recommendation to nominated Doreen and Duncan Finlayson for the Recreation Volunteer Recognition Award.

CARRIED.

LIBRARY BOARD
MEMBERS

RESOLUTION NO. 06-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to appoint Lisa Pierog and Lynne Laurin to the Birch Hills County Library Board.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL
COLABORATION/
COOPERATION

Deputy Reeve Sather attended a Regional Collaboration and Cooperation Meeting on April 27, 2011. Deputy Reeve Sather reported what is to be developed with Regional Collaboration /Cooperation.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that Birch Hills County participate in the Regional Collaboration initiative.

CARRIED.

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DIMITRI BOYCHUK
SIGNAL REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 08-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen to the Signal Policy be reviewed at the next meeting.

CARRIED.

NATURAL GAS
CHARGES

RESOLUTION NO. 09-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that Birch Hills County terminate the Natural Gas Services at the Campsite located in Wanham.

CARRIED.

MSI CAPITAL &
OPERATING FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that the 2011 Operating MSI Funding be allocated to the contract grader and that the 2011 Capital MSI Funding be allocated to new County and Hamlet signage and the purchase of gravel from Wanham Trucking.

CARRIED.

EMS WEEK

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran that the week of May 15 to 21st, 2011 be proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week.

CARRIED.

PEACE LIBRARY
SYSTEM - FUNDING
STRUCTURE

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran to accept the increase as proposed.

CARRIED.

WATINO
RAILWAY
BRIDGE

Councillor Doran brought forward an issue in the Little Smokey River at Watino where a link of the old Railway Bridge has gave way and is just lying under the rivers surface. Councillor Doran is concerned about Birch Hills County's liability if a boat was to hit the structure.

Irene Cooper advised that Birch Hills County has not control over the river and that she would contact Alberta Environment regarding the timeline for removal.

STAFF
DELEGATIONS

TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC WORKS

Dion and Michael entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

PURCHA REQUEST
ACCESS TANGENT
WATER LINE

RESOLUTION NO. 13-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that the Purchas request be approved and that other residents wishing to tie into the new Tangent Water line pay a \$500.00 deposit that will be refundable after they tie into the main line at their own expense.

CARRIED.

DITCH PROBLEM
TWP 794

Councillor Farkash brought forward a problem issue in the ditch on twp 794. Alberta Transportation has been contacted and is investigating the concerns. Reeve Smith suggested that we get together with all parties concerned and try to work out the problems.

REGIONAL WATER
SUPPLY SYSTEM
CONTRACT #2

RESOLUTION NO. 14-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones to accept Ruel Construction's bid in the amount of \$221 000.00

CARRIED.

CONTRACT #1

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen to accept Nykal Enterprises Ltd. bid in the amount of \$491,862.50.

CARRIED.

FIRE TRAINING
CENTRE LOCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 16-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to proceed with the Fire Training Central adjacent to the water reservoirs in Wanham subject to a development permit.

CARRIED.

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KALLBOM CRUSHING Dion Hynes reported that Kallbom Construction should be on site to continue crushing by May 24, 2011.

WATER TRUCKS RESOLUTION NO. 17-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran to purchase a water truck for fire use only.

CARRIED.

12:10 P.M. -

12:40 P.M.

Adjournment

WANHAM CRUSHING

AGGREGATE LEVY RESOLUTION NO. 18-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that the aggregate levy funds be used in the areas that are affected by the gravel haul route, for dust control and regular maintenance of the haul roads.

CARRIED.

**DIMITRI BOYCHUK
DUST CONTROL
PAYMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones to adopt Saddle Hills County's Policy for Dust control on Secondary Highways for a one year trial only providing approval is received from Alberta Transportation for the additional areas that may be required.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen that a sample of the dust control product be delivered to Mr. Dimitri.

CARRIED.

**ANTI-NEPOTISM
POLICY**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran to adopt the policy as presented.

CARRIED.

**SNOWPLOWING
POLICY**

Council and Transportation Staff discussed the Gravel Road Maintenance Policy. Council has a few commended changes. The policy will be brought to the next meeting for review and approval.

Dion and Michael exited the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

GEORGE CUFF

RESOLUTION NO. 22-11(05-11)

Moved by Reeve Smith to engage the services of George Cuff to clarify Council/Staff roles and to assist in the resolving Staff/Council misunderstandings.

CARRIED.

TREASURY

BANK

RECONCILIATION

RESOLUTION NO. 23-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that the May 3, 2011 Bank Reconciliation be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

RECEIVABLE

WRITE OFF

LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to accept the Accounts Receivable Write Off List attached hereto as Schedule "A" as presented.

CARRIED.

AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11(05-11)

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather that Amanda Ouellet & Kirsten Patry be the 2011 Birch Hills County Weed Inspectors.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

PREDA

Councillor Doran advised that he had attended the PREDA meeting on April 15, 2011 in Grimshaw.

MOCK DISASTER

Councillor Doran reported on a Mock Disaster he attended on April 27, 2011 in Rycroft. He felt the session very informative.

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**SEED CLEANING
PLANT REPORT**

Councillor Farkash reported on May 2nd, 2011 meeting. He advised that the Board has requested that the fuel tank be removed this summer and that a site assessment be completed. He advised that this request will be coming in the form of a letter.

**GRANDE SPIRIT
FOUNDATION**

Councillor Jones reported on a recent meeting he attended at Hearth Stone Manner.

ROAD TOUR

Council scheduled a road tour for June 16, 2011. Michael Coy or Dion Hynes will be in contact with Council regarding details.

The next Birch Hills Council Meeting is tentatively set for June 29, 2011.

IN-CAMERA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that the meeting be closed to the public at 4:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

OUT OF CAMERA

RESOLUTION NO. 27-11(05-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran that the meeting be opened to the public at 5:45 P.M.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

REEVE SMITH

**COUNTY MANAGER
IRENE COOPER**